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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Underhill, et al.

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For: COMPOSITION AND USE OF RAR ANTAGONISTS FOR PROMOTING  
CHONDROGENESIS

Group Art Unit: 1614

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 13, 2002. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."**

**In the Claims:**

Please replace Claim 16 with the following amended claim:

**B1** 16. (Amended) A method for producing a chondrocyte from a chondroprogenitor mesenchymal cell comprising contacting said chondroprogenitor mesenchymal cell with a composition according to Claim 1 *in vitro*.

Please replace Claim 22 with the following amended claim:

**B2** 22. (Amended) A method for aiding the attachment of implantable prosthesis at cartilaginous sites and for maintaining the long term stability of the prostheses in vertebrates, wherein the method comprises coating selected regions of an implantable prosthesis with a composition according to Claim 1 and implanting the coated prosthesis into a cartilaginous site wherein such implantation promotes the formation of new cartilage tissue.

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